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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-captioned application  
preliminarily as set forth below.

In the claims:

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5. (Amended) A method as claimed in [any one of  
claims 1 to 4] claim 1, further comprising one or more additional  
steps to disrupt structural components in the sample or to  
achieve lysis of cells in the sample.

6. (Amended) A method as claimed in [any one of  
claims 1 to 5] claim 1, wherein the detergent is anionic.

8. (Amended) A method as claimed in [any one of  
claims 1 to 7] claim 1, wherein the concentration of detergent is  
0.2 to 30% (w/v).

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